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East Boston August 8th 1848

EAST BOSTON  
1848

Mr Richard Phillips

London

John Hampden

Dear Sir

I dare say you have heard of Isaac Jenkins - I am trying to get out with a companion - I mean to send you on 2 or 3 days a small lot -

It is too trifling

a concern for you.

put it into the hands of the street-vendor bookstallers where you need advertise - you must fix the price - as to advertising in the newspapers, little of that can be afforded -

I keep it standing, intending to improve it & want to get an ingenious artist to sketch in or two humorous designs for it. When it is perfect, if it takes, we may print by 10000. -

I shall send a long



important article for the next journal.  
But it will not be with you before the  
eighteenth or 20th - I am not  
ambitious of standing prominent.

I am Sir

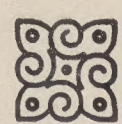
Yours truly

Thomas Beddoes  
4 Aug. 1808

THE FORCE OF IMAGINATION.—Dr. Beddoes, an English physician of great enthusiasm, had imbibed the notion that palsy could be cured by inhaling nitrous oxide gas. He requested the celebrated Sir Humphrey Davy to administer the gas to one of his patients, and sent the man to him for that purpose. Sir Humphrey put the bulb of the thermometer under the tongue of the paralytic to ascertain the temperature of the body, so that he might see whether it would be at all affected by the inhalation of the gas. The sick man, filled with faith from the assurances of the ardent Dr. Beddoes, and supposing that the thermometer was the remedy, declared at once that he felt better. Davy, desirous of seeing how much imagination would do in such a case, then told him that enough had been done for that time, and directed him to come next day. The application of the thermometer was made from day to day in the same way, and in a fortnight the man was cured.

J. Beddoes  
Physicist & Surgeon





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*Thomas*

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1./ L.a.s. 1 1/2 p.40 , o.O., 4.8.1808,  
mit Adresse v. fremder Hand an Sir  
Richard Phillips, /1778 - 1851/, den  
bekannten englischen Chemiker.  
Sendet ihm das Manuskript eines be-  
kannten zwecks Publikation.

*Miss Saml. d. desan. f. R.R.R.*

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*Beddoes Thomas*

Prof. d. Chemie an d. Univ. zu  
Oxford / 1786 -92/. später pract.  
Arzt zu Bristol, wo er das  
„Pneumatical Institute“ grün-  
dete, um namentlich Schwind-  
sucht durch Gasarten zu heilen  
/BD/ / B/ / BN/;

geb. 1760<sup>4</sup> Apr. 15, Shiftnall,  
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*Miss Sam*

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the strange effects produced  
by the respiration of the  
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